

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 7, 11-12, 14 and 18-21 have been amended, and claim 13 has been cancelled. No new matter has been submitted and reconsideration of the allowability of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 and 14-21 are pending and under consideration.

Independent claim 1 recites a model index designated as the printing apparatus is initialized by a manufacturer. Independent claim 7 recites confirming a model index designation command which designates a model index corresponding to one of the plurality of printing apparatus models, during a manufacturing operation. Independent claim 20 recites the firmware controls the models of the printing apparatus according to a respective one of the model index functions designated in response to a model index command before being initialized by a user.

However, Tomita teaches initializing in response to operations of the F1 to F3 keys, i.e., according to an operation by a user after the manufacturing process. Tomita, paras. 132-133.

Furthermore, independent claim 1 recites "a common firmware". In contrast, Tomita teaches different firmware depending on the model. Tomita, para. 126.

The remaining reference does not overcome these deficiencies.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.


If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,  
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